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SUBJ: ANTI-TERRORIST SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS USAID

REF: KABUL 1160

1. REFERENCE TELEGRAM INCLUDED SECURITY PROJECTS FOR EMBASSY

BUT NOTHING SUBMITTED FOR USAID IN KABUL. IS POST CORRECT
IN ASSUMING ANY FUNDS FOR USAID ANTI-TERRORIST PROJECTS COMES
OUT OF STATE ANTI-TERRORIST FUNDS? IF SO, POST REQUESTS
CONSIDERATION OF FOLLOWING TWO HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS:

A) USAID HAS LARGE PETROLEUM TANK FARM LOCATED IN USAID
COMPOUND. TANK FARM SUPPLIES PETROLEUM FOR ALL US MISSION IN
KABUL. TANK FARM IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN FEET FROM
PUBLIC WALL OF COMPOUND AND ITS EXPOSURE MAKES IT A PRIME
TARGET FOR TERRORIST ATTACK. A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL COULD
TURN THE COMPOUND INTO AN INFERNO.

USAID MISSION WITH STRONG CONCURRENCE OF RSO RECOMMENDS
TANK FARM BE MOVED TO A LOCATION AWAY FROM USAID COMPOUND
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

USAID IS IN PROCESS OF STUDYING SUCH A MOVE WHICH WILL INVOLVE
ACQUIRING LAND, MATERIAL AND WATCHMEN SERVICE.

COST OF PROJECT IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME BUT WOULD PROBABLY
BE SUBSTANTIAL.

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B) RSO ALSO RECOMMENDS AND USAID CONCURS THAT BULLET RESISTANT GLASS BE INSTALLED IN USAID MISSION DIRECTOR'S OFFICE. THE OFFICE IS IN LINE OF SIGHT TO SEVERAL POINTS ALONG THE COMPOUND WALL WHICH IS NEXT TO A HEAVILY TRAVELLED PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE. THE WINDOW AREA IS MADE UP OF 24 PANELS THAT ARE EACH 23" ACROSS AND 18" HIGH.

3. POST REGRETS DELAY IN SUBMITTING ABOVE REQUESTS BUT HOPES THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A PRIORITY BASIS.
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